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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE REQUEST: COMPAORE,S MEDIATION EFFORT IN GUINEA

¶1. (U) This is an action request (please see paras 2-3).

¶2. (SBU) Post is requested, at the level of the Chargé d'Affaires, to demarche Burkinabe President Blaise Compaore regarding the ongoing mediation process aimed at resolving the conflict in Guinea.

¶3. (SBU) Post may draw upon the following talking points:

-- Thank you once again for accepting the role of ECOWAS mediator to help resolve the ongoing crisis in Guinea. The United States fully supports mediation efforts intended to restore a democratically elected civilian government in Guinea and appreciates the challenges this presents to you as a mediator.

--However, we are concerned that the mediation process appears to have stalled since Moussa Dadis Camara,s departure from Conakry. His departure provided the opportunity to move towards a transition government and democratic elections ) it would be tragic to miss this opportunity.

--We urge you to play a stronger and more proactive leadership role and reach out to the interim president in Guinea, General Konate, to work towards a peaceful resolution of the political situation in Guinea through the establishment of a civilian-led transitional government leading to democratic elections.

--Additionally, we hope you will publicly endorse and engage in implementing the recommendation made by the International Contact Group for Guinea on December 13, which called for the deployment of an ECOWAS observer mission to Guinea.

--Washington is very focused on the situation in Guinea and your efforts; any additional information on how you plan to proceed would be extremely welcome.

--Finally, it would be helpful to establish more regular contact between your government and the US Embassy at whatever level you deem most appropriate so that we can work together on this very complex issue. We look forward to working with you closely to ensure a peaceful transition in Guinea.

End talking points.

¶4. (U) -State minimized considered.  
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